

Florida Gardens Civic Association

Minutes of the January 10, 2019 Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm.

Officers Present: Spencer Palmer (President), Kim Kahant (1st Vice President), Gary Oliwa (2nd Vice President), Chris Jenson (Treasurer), Angie Bermudez (Secretary).

Minutes: of the December 2018 meeting were distributed. Accepted: 1st Marian French, 2nd Chris Jenson.

Treasurer's Report: was given by Chris Jenson. Accepted: 1st Kim Saunders, 2nd Terry Crosby.

Old & New Business:

- The Christmas decorating contest winners are: 1st. 20 W Pine Tree, 2nd 75 Dayton, 3rd 308 Akron. Honorable mention went to 32 W Palmetto, 80 Cuyahoga and 254 Akron. Thank you, Danny Wood, for providing the signs and donating the prize money.
- The annual FG children's Easter Party is April 13th from 10:00 am. to 12:00 pm. Set up is April 12th at 6:30 pm. Kim Kahant asked Penny Spring if she would chair the Easter Party. Penny replied she would help. Kim Kahant will order the arts and crafts. Marian French said she would also help. Kim also has a cheat sheet with set up information.
- Terry Crosby reported December 2018 rentals brought in \$1,950.00. Terry recapped that in 2018 she received 1,289 phone calls for Clubhouse Business and met with 217 potential renters.
- Thank you, Gary Oliwa, for putting up Christmas lights on the front of the Clubhouse. Gary has also updated the website with the Christmas Decorating contest winners and other neighborhood decorations.
- Gary Oliwa finished the repairs to the Clubhouse chairs.
- Ed Ridolph reminded us he is accepting FG scholarship applications up to April 15th. Anyone interested should contact Ed or any member of the board. We have one applicant so far.
- Spencer thanked all the officers for their help last year, especially Gary Oliwa for his work on the newsletter and website.
- Gary spoke with Kyzar Air Conditioning regarding the electrical installation needed for the new unit. They quoted around \$800.00 as opposed to Jack's Electric quote of \$1,200.00. Gary told Kyzar we are on hold until at least February to make sure we have funds.
- Spencer mentioned we are still looking for an event coordinator for Clubhouse events. Carmela Cagle, who is our Street Rep. on Cypress volunteered. Carmela is an event coordinator by trade and is looking forward to working more with our FG community. Thank you, Carmela!

- The kids Christmas Party and Golf Cart Parade went well. The rain let up just before it all started. Our Santa this year was Chris Mathews. He did a great job and is interested in doing it again next year.
- Our New Year's Eve party was a lot of fun. We would have liked to have had more participants. Kim Kahant proposed the 2019 New Year's Eve Party be open to families with children and we agreed it would bring more participants.
- The next FG BBQ is scheduled for April 6th, 2019. The first BBQ meeting is January 14th at 7 pm.
- Gary Oliwa has the January Newsletter almost ready. He is waiting on the Presidents Letter to finish. As discussed at the December meeting, there will be a heavy push for donations and will include the coupon and envelope with our return address. We also discussed setting up a PayPal account, so members can make their donations via the website. Chris Jenson spoke with our bank and found out the fees are 3.4%, \$1.17 per transaction and a monthly fee of \$24.00. Chris and Gary will investigate if going direct through PayPal will be more cost effective.
- Gary updated the FG Website with the December Newsletter and Kids Christmas Party pictures.
- The toy drive was a great success. Toys collected were dropped off at the Fire Station.
- Several Street Rep. reassignments were discussed. We are still looking for a Street Rep. for Cuyahoga. Penny Spring is filling in for now.
- John Sjolholm will now be the Street Rep. for Palmetto. This leaves a vacancy in the Directors at large. Sandra Dale stepped down as street rep for Rubber Tree due to other commitments. Sandra was asked to be a Director at large and has agreed. A motion to approve was held, 1st Marian French, 2nd Sue Guthrie, with unanimous approval by the members.
- At the December meeting, Terry Crosby was asked to continue as the FG Clubhouse Manager. This requires a motion to approve from the Board of Directors. 1st Marion French, 2nd Bill Applegate with unanimous approval.
- The house at 45 Dayton is in foreclosure. There is a sign with the information for the maintenance company that is supposed to be maintaining the yard. This hasn't been done in some time. Gary called the number to report it, and it was disconnected. He contacted the main company and they said the maintenance company just sent them pictures of the house on the 21st of December showing it in good condition. Gary emailed them the current pictures and the property was cleaned up in a few days. If there are homes on your street in foreclosure, there should be a sign saying who is responsible for maintaining the property. If this is not being done, we can contact the maintenance company, so they can take steps to remedy.
- Kim Kahant collected toiletries for servicemen and service women and she delivered them.
- **Motion to adjourn:** 1st Danny Wood, 2nd Joan Harrison
- Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.
- Next meeting, February 14th. 2019

